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SUBJECT: SOVIET BULGARIAN INTEGRATION IN MILITARY FIELD

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1. ALL DEFENSE ATTACHE TELEGRAMS REPORTING ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS SOVIET-BULGARIAN INTEGRATION IN MILITARY FIELD ARE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITHIN EMBASSY AND REPRESENT ITS VIEWS.

2. AS NOTED IN DATT REPORTING, WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL RUMORS AND/OR REPORTS REGARDING INCREASE IN SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL IN BULGARIA NOR IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF FURTHER SOVIET-BULGARIAN INTERGRATION IN MILITARY FIELD. SITUATION REMAINS BASICALLY SAME AS THAT SET FORTH IN SOFIA A-53, MARCH 14, 1973.

3. AS FOR RUMORS ABOUT BULGARIAN AND YUGOSLAV MILITARY MOVEMENTS ALONG THE COMMON FRONTIER, WE COULD NEVER CONFIRM SUCH ACTIVITIES ON BULGARIAN SIDE ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS ATTACHE TRIPS WERE MADE INTO AREAS OPEN TO BOTH US AND OTHER NATO ATTACHES. A REQUEST BY OUR DATT AND AIRA TO TRAVEL INTO YUGOSLAV TERRITORY WAS DENIED BY AMEMBASSY BELGRADE BUT OTHER NATO ATTACHES STATIONED IN SOFIA MADE SELF-INITIATED TRIPS INTO THE AREA AND OBSERVED NOTHING UNUSUAL. UNDOUBTEDLY THE CURRENT STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA AND
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THE UNSTABLE SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA CREATE ATMOSPHERE

FOR SUCH RUMORS.

4. ALL SOURCES FOR INFORMATION REPORTED BY DATT ARE
IDENTIFIED IN REPORTING TELEGRAMS AND CAN BE OBTAINED
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